



HALOXYLON AMMODENDRON. THE SAXAUL TREE.

The most important sand-binding and fuel tree in Central Asia. Used largely in the sand-binding and desert reclamation work along the Trans-Caspian railroad. It is resistant to alkali and aridity to a considerable degree. S.P.I. No. 28976. (Meyer's photograph, Chartchui, Turkestan, June 18, 1910.)



PRUNUS ARMENIACA. SMOOTH-SKINNED APRICOTS.

These apricots have free sweet kernels, and look like nectarines. May be of use in breeding sweet-kerneled varieties of perhaps greater commercial value than the bitter-kerneled ones. This is distinct from the Acme, the only smooth-skinned apricot known in this country. S.P.I. Nos. 28954 and 28959. (Meyer's photograph, Askabad, Turkestan, June 9, 1910.)